

Protester Splatters Paint On CIA Recruiter At OSU

No arrests have been made in connection with a demonstration Tuesday at Ohio State University during which a CIA recruiter was splattered with red paint.

Deputy Chief John Kleberg said university police are still investigating the incident, but the recruiter isn't sure who threw the paint because "she had her back to them."

SHE WAS NOT injured. The demonstrators said they are members of the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade protesting CIA involvement in

Iran.

Police declined to release the recruiter's name in keeping with their policy of not publicizing crime victims. The CIA in Washington, D.C., identified her as Linda Iachelli.

Ms. Iachelli had been talking to students in the College of Engineering placement office in Hitchcock Hall shortly before the incident occurred about 11 a.m.

TARVER HAGAN, director of placement, said about 15 people pushed their way into the room where

he, two other workers and Ms. Iachelli were.

"One fellow was reading off his statement of complaint," Hagan said. Someone, possibly a woman, threw the paint; and then the demonstrators went outside where they marched and chanted anti-CIA slogans for about an hour.

Ms. Iachelli turned as the paint was thrown, and it splattered onto her back, two desks and the floor, witnesses said.

GEORGE PRESTON, who said he is treasurer of the brigade and a recent OSU graduate contemplating graduate school, told reporters, "This action was designed to get people to get off the fence" on the Iranian issue. In a mimeographed sheet distributed to passing students, the brigade said the CIA is "one of the main organizations responsible for the oppression of the Iranian people and people around the world."

Hagan said Ms. Iachelli's visit was well-publicized as are the visits of all recruiters interested in talking to students about jobs. "We don't keep it a secret."

HE WOULD NOT say how many students she was to talk to from his college, but noted she was to interview upcoming graduates in other fields, too.

Asked if these students will have a chance to talk to someone from the CIA, Hagan said, "That will be covered." He declined to elaborate.